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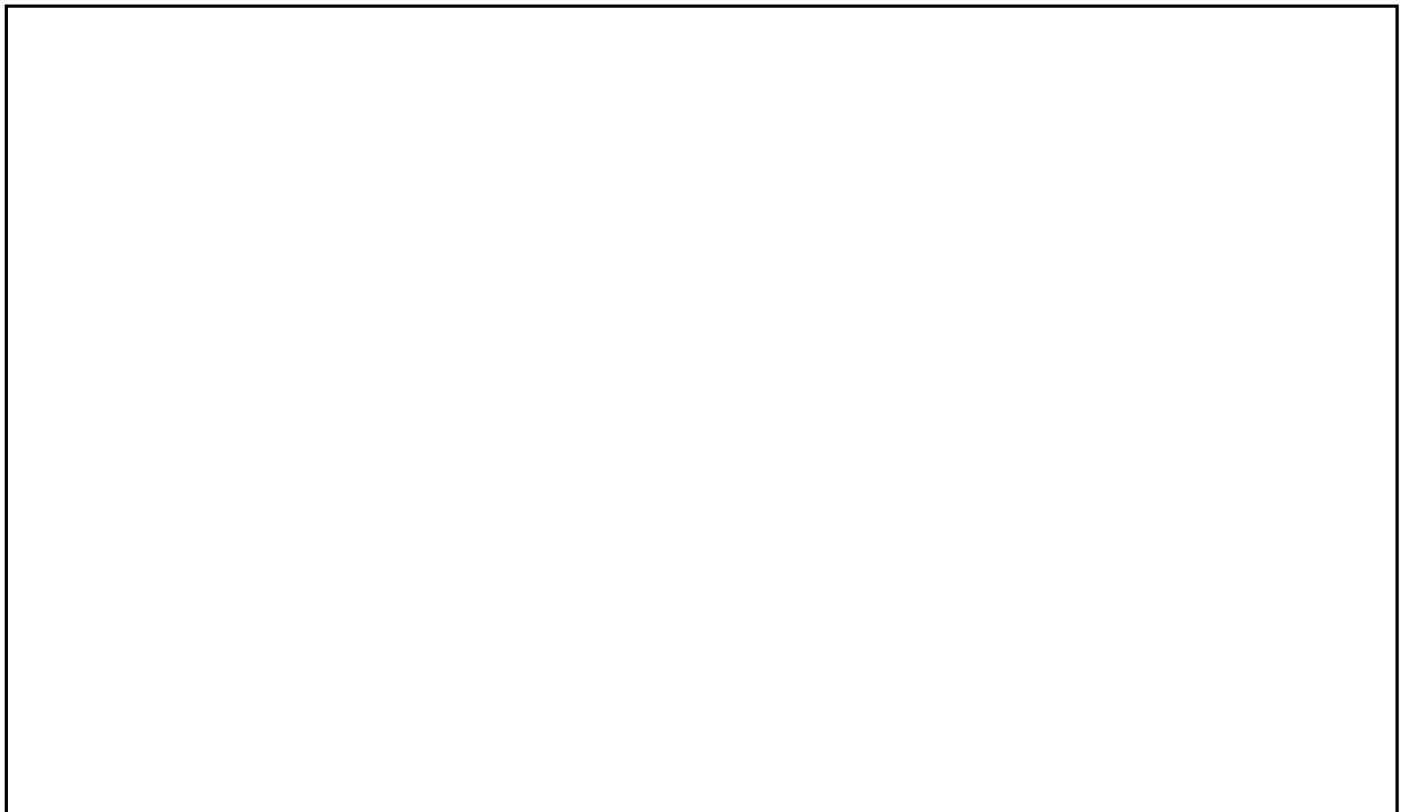
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[REDACTED] THE SOVIETS AND THEIR AL-
LIES NOW ARE ADVANCING UN MIDDLE EAST ENVOY GUNNAR
JARRING OF SWEDEN AS THE "STRONGEST" CANDIDATE TO
SUCCEED SECRETARY GENERAL THANT. THEY HAVE FLOATED
JARRING'S NAME AT LEAST TO THE DUTCH AND TO THE US
MISSION AT THE UN AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON. MOSCOW
APPEARS INCREASINGLY CONVINCED THAT THANT WANTS TO
RETIRE, AND IT MAY BE TAKING THE JARRING SOUNDINGS
TO TURN SUPPORT AWAY FROM THE DECLARED NORDIC CANDI-
DATE, MAX JAKOBSON OF FINLAND, ABOUT WHOM THE SO-
VIETS HAVE RESERVATIONS. THEY OBJECT TO HIS PAST
WRITINGS ON FINNISH NEUTRALITY, HIS JEWISH BACK-
GROUND, AND HIS SUPPORT BY PEKING. FOREIGN MINISTER
GROMYKO WILL TAKE THE SUCCESSION ISSUE UP WITH SEC-
RETARY ROGERS NEXT MONTH. [REDACTED]

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